

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title as follows:

~~LASER WELDING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPRESSING~~
~~PLASMA METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LASER WELDING~~

Attached are a marked-up copy of the originally filed specification and a clean substitute specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.121(b)(3) and 1.125(c). The substitute specification contains no new matter.